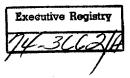
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The Honorable Fred C. Ikle
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Dear Fred:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of 20 May concerning SALT planning.

The questions you pose are indeed good ones. As you say, none of the subject areas has been ignored by the Intelligence Community and no amount of analytical effort will guarantee fully reliable answers.

It is precisely these types of questions, however, that provide impetus for the Community's analytical research programs, both short-term and long-term. We welcome your letter and the questions you raise. They will serve as background and guidance for current and future Community research, and I will ensure that they are folded into our system of identifying key intelligence questions for the Community's attention.

At the same time, all of the analytical components of the Community are impacted by a growing number of priority requests for strategic research. It is our responsibility to see that such requests are met with high-quality responses on the basis of their priorities. Thus, in view of the current workloads to satisfy priority requirements from the highest level of Government, I cannot commit specific resources to research on the questions you raise. Nevertheless, I am in favor of inter-agency discussions and seminars to mull over topics such as you raise and will encourage CIA participation in these discussions as time permits.

Sincerely,

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/s/ W. E. Colby

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